

Northern Points Cluster Bulletin

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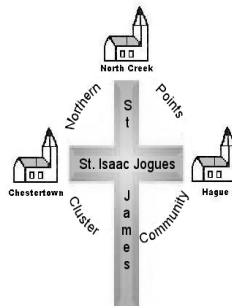
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 27th, 2011

Parish of St. Isaac Jogues

Blessed Sacrament & St. John the Baptist

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Weekend Mass Schedule

4:00 pm Saturday Evening Vigil Mass: St. Isaac Jogues-St. John the Baptist Church, Chestertown

5:30 pm Saturday Evening Vigil Mass: St. James Church, North Creek

8:00 am Sunday: St. James Church, North Creek

9:30 am Sunday: St. Isaac Jogues-St. John the Baptist Church, Chestertown

(St. Isaac Jogues- Blessed Sacrament, Hague will resume Palm Sunday 2011)

(Reminder when you go to one of our sister churches, please designate your offertory collection for your own parish)

Weekday Schedule

2:00 pm Liturgy, Monday: Adirondack Tri-County Nursing Home, North Creek

9:00 am Mass, Tuesday: St. Isaac Jogues- St. John the Baptist Church, Chestertown

9:00 am Mass, Wednesday: St. James Church, North Creek

Reminder: There is no Daily Mass when school is canceled or delayed

Services for Ash Wednesday, March 9th

7:00 am Liturgy of the Word with the Distribution of Ashes, St. James Church, North Creek

9:00 am Mass with the Distribution of Ashes, St. James Church, North Creek

3:30 pm Children’s Prayer Service with the Distribution of Ashes, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

5:30 pm Mass with the Distribution of Ashes, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown

Sacrament of Reconciliation: by appointment

Hospital Visits

Please notify Fr. John and Sr. Fran if a family member is hospitalized so that they may visit the individual.

Preparation for Baptism and Marriage

St. Isaac Jogues, please call Fr. John O’Kane at 494-5229 ext 34

St. James, please call Sr. Fran Husselbeck at 251-2518

Be Happy, Don’t Worry

As Jesus maps out how his disciples are to have life in its fullness, we also hear him say be happy and don’t worry. Have confidence in God who has been aware of our strengths and weaknesses and will see us through this journey.

Father James Walsh uses a metaphor that can help understand how God directs us on this journey. Like a GPS acquires a satellite, we orient ourselves to the loving presence of God. Then we let Jesus program our journey on the road to true happiness. With full confidence in him, we travel the way of a disciple. If we veer off track, like a GPS that says emphatically “recalculate!” we have Jesus’ teachings, lived out in our faith community, to help us to return and go in the right direction.

So, let us hear the voice of Jesus saying to us not to worry! Trust that God won’t desert us if we have to “recalculate” because we veered off the true road to happiness. Our GPS is calculated to seek the Kingdom of God.

On this Wednesday, March 2nd, our two pastoral/parish councils are sharing an evening together with Sr. Fran Gilchrist giving the presentation. The theme is a reflection on how they, as leaders in the cluster, are companions together in this journey of faith.

Sr. Fran Husselbeck

Cluster News

Youth Ministry News: There is no Class this Sunday. Next regular class will be held on March 6th.

Save the Date: April 1-3, 2011



Retreat for Women, Dominican Retreat & Conference Center, Niskayuna, NY.
This offers 44 hours away from daily routine for rest, quiet, learning and reflections, inner healing, growth, prayer and sharing. Theme, "Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has prepared" (1 Cor 2:9)

Guest Director: Rev. Tony Kall, OFM, Conv.

For more info or reservation, please call Ginny Raymond at 251-3515

Contribution Envelopes

There are blank envelopes in the back of the church if you have forgotten your envelopes. If you desire to receive regular offertory envelopes, please contact the office. This is necessary if you wish to receive a print out at the end of the year for tax purposes.

Northern Points Cluster Pastoral/Parish Councils Evening of Reflection

"Companions on the Journey" Evening of Reflection (Exploring our Ministry together)

Wednesday, March 2nd at 6:30 – 8:30 (snow date March 3rd) at the Priory Presenter: Sr. Fran Gilchrist

Lenten News

Please pick up a Lenten flyer in the back of the Church.

Al-Anon

A chapter of Al-Anon meets Mondays at 7:30 pm at Jaracz Hall in Warrensburg. This is a 12-step program for all who are affected by another's addiction to alcohol or drugs. The success of the program is built on mutual support and anonymity. It is a tremendous help and teacher. There is no charge for the program; however, a good will offering would be appreciated. This is an answer to prayer!

AA Alcoholics Anonymous

Meets at Saint Cecilia's in Jaracz Hall on Tuesday evenings at 8:00 pm and Thursdays at noon.

Anonymity and mutual support, plus the wisdom of the 12 Steps, are life-savers.

Al-Ateen

Meets Monday, 7:00-8:00 Glens Falls at the Parish House of the Church of the Messiah
296 Glen Street, Glens Falls It is smart to attend.

North Country Ministry

For more information, contact Brother James, Sr. Mary or Caroline at Leaven House 251-4425.

NCM is holding a raffle to benefit the NCM Emergency Assistance Program which assists people with food, rent and other basic needs. They are raffling off a 2011-2012 \$999 Season Pass to Gore Mountain as first prize. The other 6 prizes include a round of golf and lunch for four at Cronin's, an Astral Lifejacket from Hornbeck Boats, a 30 day gym membership at the Copperfield Inn, a canoe trip for 2 on Lower Hudson from Beaverbrook Outfitters and a \$25 gift certificate from Bar Vino in North Creek. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20 and are available by calling 251-4425. Drawing will be March 15th.

Priory News

Dreaming a New Way Sunday, March 20, 10 am – 3 pm

For this retreat day, we will explore the Cosmic Story and its possibilities to bring a new vision and new energy to our journey with Earth. There will be reflections on the works of Tomas Berry and Brian Swimme. The program will lead us to experience the universe and some of the powers throbbing through her. We will be challenged to reconnect with the universe and with the web of life. We will be invited to moments of transformation in our relationship with Earth.

Presenter: Lin Neil CSJ Donation: \$40

ST JAMES PARISH

Elementary Religious Ed: There are no classes in February. Next class is March.13th. Saturday, March 5th there will be a children's Mass. Practice will be at 5:30 pm on Thursday or Friday before. Denise will e-mail the date.

North Creek Rotary is raffling off a 16 lb. Hornbeck Canoe. 6 tickets for \$5.00 or \$1.00 each. Call Joyce Howell at 623-3057

PARISH OF ST. ISAAC JOGUES CHURCHES OF BLESSED SACRAMENT & ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Elementary Religious Education: Next regular class will be on Wednesday, March 2nd. SUNDAY, March 20th is the next Children's Mass. The children will reenact the Gospel. Reconciliation for Grades 3-6 will be held on March 23rd during regular class time in the Church. Parents are welcomed.

Amazing God Lenten Program: Save the dates, Wednesdays, March 16, 23, 30, & April 6, 1-3 pm. This same program will be offered on Thursdays, March 17, 24, 31 & April 7 from 6:30-8:30 pm. Snow date will be April 13 & 14. Sr. Connie Messitt, Facilitator. Check the Lenten flyer.

St. Patty's Day Party: Saturday, March 19th after Mass. Please see the sign up sheet at the back of the church. Soda breads, appetizers and desserts to share would be appreciated. Beverages will be provided. We will be doing a gift exchange, so bring in your "Wrapped Treasure" (not necessarily new) for this event. A donation box will be made available at all the tables if one wishes to make a contribution. Any questions, please call the office at 494-5229.

